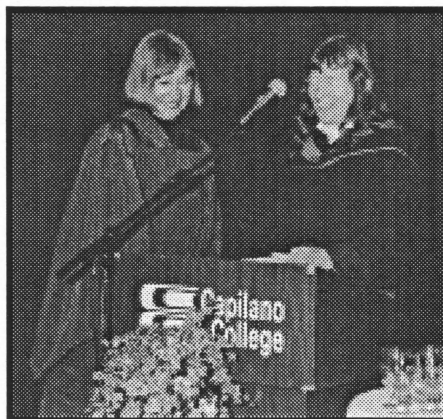


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Medal recipient honored for her valuable contributions

Business instructor Karin Vickars (right) presents accounting student Patricia Atkins with the Lt. Governor's Silver medal at fall graduation. (Photo: Cam Williams)



Early in October, the search began at Capilano College for the perfect Lieutenant Governor's Silver medal candidate. The award is presented at fall convocation to a student who has excelled in either a career or vocational program and who has also contributed in a positive way to the life of the College or their community. This year's recipient, North Vancouver resident **Patricia Atkins**, not only met all requirements, she exceeded them.

"In her 10 months as a student in Capilano College's Accounting Assistant program, Pat achieved an A-plus average in 11 out of 12 courses," says Business instructor **Karin Vickars**. "I speak for all her instructors when I say that she was not only an outstanding student, but also a valuable contributor and team player in our classes."

Pat has had a long history of helping others. While her two sons, now 27 and 23, were still at school, Pat was an active leader and volunteer in Beavers, Cubs and school sports. She spent nine years as co-ordinator of tennis-related committees at Hollyburn Country Club and seven years as co-ordinator and director of a tennis league for Greater Vancouver's Tennis B.C. More recently, Pat has been a volunteer mathematics tutor in the North Vancouver school district's adult and youth learning centres.

At 50 years of age, and with a B.Ed. (math major) from the University of British Columbia, Pat's decision to return to school was entirely self-motivated.

"I had been a high school teacher but, because I do lots of other things in my life, I wanted something that was part-time," she said. "After taking some non-credit courses in accounting, I realized I really enjoyed it and decided to study accounting full-time."

Both of her sons had attended Capilano College, taking their first year of academic studies before transferring to Simon Fraser University. "They did really well at college," says Pat, "and it was their enthusiasm about Capilano College that spurred me on to applying for one of its accounting programs."

"The classes are smaller at Capilano College and the instructors are really there for everybody," she continues. "It also offers a good academic foundation."

Pat started a part-time bookkeeper's job in September working with North Shore-based Patricia Coker Industries and for Old Tyme Builders Gallery, also on the North Shore and owned by Patricia's husband, Bruce. Plus, she's back at Capilano College taking an evening course in business finance.

Look who showed up!



College director of Planning, Alan Smith, greets Carol Pope (holding a North Shore News insert) and her husband, Gordon, at Open House '97.

A surprise photo in a special Open House '97 insert in the North Shore News worked its magic on Saturday, October 18. The photograph of a group of young people ran with the caption: *Recognize anyone? If you do, please drop by the College Relations booth in the Birch building atrium on Saturday, October 18 to claim your reward!* This prompted North Vancouver resident **Carol Pope** to visit the College. She told us that she believed the photo to be of West Vancouver Secondary's 1962 swim team. Carol also told us that both her daughters are attending Capilano College: Liza is in the Theatre Arts program and Michelle is enrolled in a Business Administration program. We also had a visit that same day from an alumnus who attended Capilano College the very first year of classes. **Jim Tysoe** studied Science at Capilano College in 1968. Jim's wife, **Cara Zaskow**, is an instructor with the College's Psychology department.

Calendar

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Capilano College vs. Trinity Western University
Sportsplex

January 24

Women at 6 p.m. and men at 8 p.m.

ARSENIC AND OLD LACE

Capilano College Performing Arts Theatre

Directed by Bill Murdoch

February 5 to 14 (Thurs. to Sat.)

8 p.m.

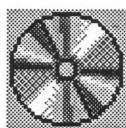
QUILTERS

Capilano College Performing Arts Theatre

Directed by Dawn Moore

March 19 to 28 (Thurs. to Sat.)

8 p.m.



Three new Jazz Studies CDs available

Three faculty members from the Capilano College Bachelor of Jazz Studies program, **Torben Oxbol**, **Chris Sigerson**, and **Brad Turner** have recently released their own CDs.

Westcoast Journey (1997, Torben Oxbol) is an enjoyable collection of Torben's original compositions combined with inspired performances by some of the West Coast's finest jazz musicians. The considerable talents of **George Robert**, **Campbell Ryga**, **Bob Day**, **Brad Turner**, and **Jack Stafford** are featured in a smooth orchestral setting. All parts, with the exception of the soloists mentioned above, were composed, orchestrated and performed by Torben.

Chris Sigerson's CD *Heritage* (1997, Rece Records) is comprised of an engaging variety of jazz standards and original compositions. Chris's work as

a soloist and as a composer, combined with the stellar performances and compositions of his sidemen **Campbell Ryga**, **Kevin Elashuk**, **Craig Scott**, and **Ken Lister** make this CD a truly enjoyable musical experience.

Long Short Story (1997, Brad Turner - PNCD 1034) showcases the prodigious trumpet playing and compositional talents of Brad Turner. On the CD, Brad is supported by his trio: **Bruno Hubert**, **Chris Nelson**, and **Dylan Vander Schyff**. The CD features nine of Brad's memorable jazz compositions.

All three CDs would make wonderful Christmas gifts and are available through the Music program office at 984-4951.

Jazz Studies instructor **Rob McKenzie's** composition *Veils* will be performed on January 9 in Ottawa by the National Arts Orchestra in a restaging of **John Korsrud's** *Memphis Cantata*.



Cottage for rent

Charming furnished beachside 1BR bungalow in West Vancouver with 1BR self-contained guest suite in garden. Available May 9 to July 18, 1998 only, at \$4,500 for the 10-week period. Telephone or fax (604) 926-6169 for details and photos. Prefer visiting faculty or College employees.

Wellness committee comes to the College

Capilano College is pleased to announce the launch of a new wellness committee. The objectives of the committee are to educate, motivate, support, and assist employees and their family members in making voluntary lifestyle changes that will contribute to reduced health risks and improved quality of life.

Our first task is to get a clear snapshot of the College working environment. Therefore, the committee will be distributing a confidential questionnaire to all employees. The analysis of the survey will determine what the current concerns and interests of the employees are and how we can begin to implement the program to address these issues.

Wellness committee members are: **John Boylan**, **Cathy Cole**, **Christopher Firstner**, **Valerie Cochran** (chair), **Linda Denley**, and **Lynne Somerville**.



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Twenty-five-year-old **Stephen Hyland** is living the dream of his childhood — as the son of Flubber!

It started becoming a reality for him in 1990 when an advisor from Capilano College visited Argyle High School two months before he graduated.

"At that point, Stephen didn't know what he wanted to do," said his mother, **Julie Parker**. "But something that person said struck a chord and he decided to take a one-day course on how to compile an art portfolio."

He handed the portfolio in with his application to the College's three-year Graphic Design and Illustration diploma program and held his breath. Much to Stephen's surprise, he was accepted. However, there were times when the dream seemed more like a nightmare.

"It was a gruelling three years," his mother said, "but if our son, an average student in high school who felt he had nothing going for him, can do it, anyone can."

When Stephen, who was raised in West Vancouver, graduated from Capilano College in 1993, he wanted to continue his studies at the Art Centre in Pasadena, California. It is considered to be one of the best places in the world to study art. It's also very expensive. A family member came forward and offered financial support and Stephen, with portfolio in hand, went south to see what they would think about his body of work.

"Not only was he accepted, but he was promoted into the fourth semester



Son of Flubber a native son

out of an eight semester program," Julie said. "This was unheard of. They told him that no one before him had ever been placed that high."

One of the things Stephen likes to tell people is that the calibre of work he produced while at Capilano College essentially amounted to a \$40,000 portfolio. "That's the actual worth he put on it," his mother says.

In his third semester, Stephen landed a scholarship and graduated with honors a year ahead of his class.

"The Art Centre thinks very highly of Capilano College," Julie added. "When Stephen arrived, they already had another top notch student from the College attending — **Grant Delgatty**. Grant has become a close friend of Stephen's and the two of them are roommates."

When Stephen graduated from the Art Centre he, like most other talented young people, went directly to Disney and applied for a job with their graphic design company.

"They said, 'no problem,' when he asked for a job," his mother said. "So he went on a holiday to Europe and when he

returned four months later, they told him his portfolio was out of date."

Grant, who graduated from the College's Graphic Design and Illustration program in 1991, downloaded Stephen's portfolio onto a CD-ROM and started showing it to various people. It wasn't long before the right person saw it and offered him a job working for Web design company Spin Cycle. It's office is located in a

small trailer on the lot of Universal Studios.

"The timing couldn't have been better," Julie said, "because soon after, Disney's graphic's company failed. If they had hired Stephen, he would have been out of a job. Instead, they came to Spin Cycle for some Web design work. They were looking for someone to put together a Web site for their latest movie, Flubber, and guess who got to do the project — Stephen!"

Stephen's studies easily prepared him to tackle this enormously prestigious animation job.

"What it all comes down to is never give up," Julie said. "There is something really exciting at the other end if you just go for it."

This North Shore talent gets an additional daily hit of adrenaline out of his job because he has to drive by movie director **Steven Spielberg's** office to get to Spin Cycle. Sounds as if fate just might have another plan in the works for this inspired and inspiring young man.

You can visit the Flubber Web site at: www.flubber.com.

Annual report a quality document

The 1996/97 College annual report, produced by the College Relations Department, is now available.

Called Quality in Learning: Capilano College leads the way, the report highlights the faces of the

College, technological innovation, partnerships, global links, awards, and community outreach. It also includes some interesting facts, figures and milestones in the College's history.

The report was developed for use in student recruitment, partnership development, fundraising activities, and more. It was written by **Shelley Kean**, community relations advisor, and co-ordinated by **David DeMuyneck**, program marketing supervisor. Media Production Services provided the design and photographs

were taken by **Rick Etkin**.

This is the second annual report produced by Capilano College. Last year's report won a bronze award from the Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education.

Annual reports were distributed to administrators, department chairs, coordinators, convenors, divisional assistants and program assistants. Please contact these people to view a report, or call **Judi Fletcher** in the College Relations Department at local 1729.

International students: why do we want them?

I admire the international students at Capilano College because they have a sense of purpose and a sense of the future that alludes many their age. Plus, they are courageous. Imagine setting off to study in a foreign country, at the age of 18, with minimal language and life skills. Imagine sending your 18-year-old son or daughter to enrol in a college overseas!

This year we have 351 international students from 34 countries studying at Capilano College. Approximately 40% are studying ESL, 43% are enrolled in academic studies, and 17% are enrolled in career or vocational programs.

Since the term 'international student' is used at Capilano College, I will define it. An international student is a non-immigrant student. An international student has not been given permission to remain permanently in Canada. In general the needs, backgrounds, and characteristics of an international student are very different from those of an immigrant.

However, through the combination of immigrants and international students at Capilano College we have become a multicultural and global community college.

International students have become an important part of the local economy, both to the College and to the community. In his *Georgia Straight* article, Exporting Education, Communications instructor **Crawford Kilian** pointed out that "the globalization of education is paying off for B.C. schools, and it's helping to explode some stereotypes as well." (Copies are available at the International Student Centre for those who missed it.)

However there are other reasons for educating international students:

- Greater diversity in the student body here at Capilano College is conducive to good education and learning for all
- International students can help overcome certain levels of insularity and provincialism at Capilano College and in our community
- International students are an excellent resource for teaching local



The two-year Joint International Business Program sees Chinese students taking the first year of Capilano College's curriculum in China and completing their second year in Canada. The students are integrated into classes with other business students at the College, providing them with a rich mix of cultural experiences.

students and faculty about other countries and cultures

- They help us to internationalize our campus and curriculums
- Via international students, we can learn how to better serve our increasingly diverse domestic population
- In teaching them, Capilano College's faculty will gain cross-cultural skills necessary in the new international environment
- International students help to create a market for programs which are important for our domestic students, but which might otherwise be canceled due to low enrolment
- International students allow us to expand course offerings in various departments
- International students' general seriousness of purpose, hardwork, and scholastic achievement can spur our domestic students toward higher achievement.
- International tourism is an important and expanding industry and international students can help us learn how to ensure that foreign visitors come again
- International students represent geographic areas which are or will be

important business partners of Canada in the future

- We wish to make friends for our country and contribute to international friendship, peace, and global understanding
- Educating international students helps their countries to develop, because the returning student brings new and valuable ideas home

By welcoming and educating international students here at Capilano College we are making our community college a part of the interdependent world we now live in and providing an important service to the global community of which we are so much a part. I only hope that soon we will send more Canadian students to study overseas (such as those in the Asia Pacific Management Cooperative Program) so that they too will become the well-rounded citizens that most of the international students at Capilano College are striving to be.

*Submitted by Gary Henkelmann
Manager, International
Student Centre*

SARAW funded for French version of program

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) recently held an international conference in Vancouver on Policy Strategies for Improving Literacy Skills.

"As part of this conference, delegates wished to visit exemplary literacy programs in the Vancouver area", said **Linda Mitchell**, executive director of Literacy B.C. Fourteen delegates, representing 12 different countries came to visit the Speech Assisted Reading And Writing (SARAW) lab at Capilano College.

SARAW received the Association for Canadian Community Colleges' Award of Excellence in Literacy in

1992, and the Governor General's Flight for Freedom Award in 1996.

SARAW is a talking computer program designed to teach basic reading and writing skills to adults with physical disabilities. Special features allow students to access the program even if they cannot operate a standard computer keyboard.

The SARAW program was developed as a partnership between Capilano College and the Neil Squire Foundation. The generosity of many organizations, most notably Digital Equipment of Canada Ltd., has enabled the distribution of 207 SARAW computer systems (equipment valued in excess of \$1 million) to colleges and community

groups across Canada.

The development of SARAW began in 1990, a collaboration between Capilano College literacy instructor, **Pat Hodgson**, and **Don Bentley**, a computer programmer at the Neil Squire Foundation. Don also teaches ABE at Capilano College. This month, the College and the Foundation received from the National Literacy Secretariat, funding for a French version of SARAW. **Lyn Gareau**, a French instructor at Capilano College, will be collaborating with Pat and Don on this latest enhancement.

Submitted by Don Bentley

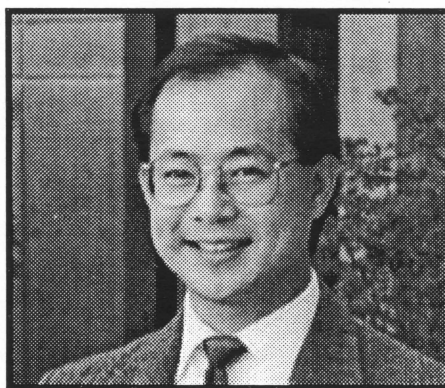
College alumnus continues to contribute to his alma mater

Capilano College alumnus **Leonard Lee** certainly knows the meaning and the value of the term *lifelong learner*.

He first came to Capilano College in 1982, enrolling in academic studies. After attending the University of British Columbia, where he majored in math with a Computer Science option, he returned to Capilano College in 1984 and completed the two-year Computer Systems Management Diploma program.

After graduation, Leonard moved to Toronto where he worked in computer operations for ScotiaMcLeod Inc. and as a computer analyst with Bell Canada. When his contract ended in the fall of '88, Leonard returned to Vancouver and worked with Crown Paper as a data processing analyst in charge of a national enterprise.

"I quit in 1991 and travelled to Europe for a few months — something I should have done right out of high school," he says. "I wanted to travel



Leonard Lee

and experiment — to see what I really wanted to do in my life."

He returned to Vancouver and sold insurance for New York Life. "I did quite well and even won the rookie salesman of the year award in 1992," he says, "but I realized my heart was in computers."

In 1993, Leonard started his own business called Binary Computer Systems and just recently launched it as a full-time practice. "I provide high level computer services to small and medium sized businesses," he explains. "Companies that can't afford full-time specialists hire me."

The cycling enthusiast's best memory of Capilano College was when his computer class won a national programming competition put on by Ontario's Carleton University. "We

worked two years on our project and we beat all colleges in Canada. One time we worked in the computer room for 54 hours straight. I also enjoyed the Mountain Bike Racing Group, which I started at the College.

"I think Capilano College is a hidden gemstone that has yet to be discovered," Leonard adds. "It gives a good balance between academic studies and hands-on experience. Plus, the instructors are all top-notch and they have experience working in the real world — for example, **Richard Longworth**, **Bawn Campbell** and **Crawford Kilian**, to name a few."

Last spring, Leonard was elected to the board of the Capilano College Foundation where he represents College alumni. As a lifelong learner, he continues to take courses that will keep him ahead of the competition. In 1992, he took a First Aid course at Capilano College and currently he is taking Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer courses.

The married father of one lives the marketing rule: *look for opportunities where there is change*. "My long-term plan is to establish Binary here in the Lower Mainland and possibly in Calgary and to establish myself in the Internet community," he says. "The nice thing about this industry is that it's constantly changing." So, too, is Leonard.

On a Personnel Note

Wow, December already. It doesn't feel like a year since we were unpacking and settling into our new Birch offices. Time flies when you are having fun!

November staffing activity was busy. **Medi Ranjbary** is now a RFT PC support analyst in Computer Services. **John Boylan** is leaving the Library to be the new RFT Payroll clerk I, replacing **Ivana Schier**, who is assuming **Karen Gordon's** duties. Karen is the new RFT payroll clerk I, replacing **Iris Cunningham**, who is moving to Financial Aid. Congratulations to all!

Mike Hellerin and **Robin Porter** are TPT ECCE assistants in the Child Care Centre, helping **Janet MacDonald** deal with all those anxious pre-Christmas children. Good luck, guys!

Terry Orr is the new TPT MPS technician, helping out in Media Production Services while **Dianella Knight** is busy with motherhood.

You may have noticed a new face on campus assisting Facilities. **Eric Calinisan** is the TPT Maintenance

worker I, replacing Kelly who is on leave.

Reinhold Klein is a TPT driver, helping Rena in Stores. Reinhold is filling in while **Tim MacKenzie** is on leave.

There were two resignations last month. **Elizabeth DuPlessis** resigned her RFT program assistant position in CANASEAN and **Carol Paskaruk** has resigned her RFT Admission/Registration assistant position. She is, however, working as the TPT receptionist in Music with another Carol (McQuarrie).

Positions for the RFT Admissions/Registration assistant and RFT secretary in Registration are currently being recruited. **Jeanne Classen** is retiring in January, so we are trying to recruit quickly to take advantage of valuable training time with her.

We have had a couple of computer training sessions recently, but they were for specific areas. A full schedule will begin in January.

Personnel Services is hosting some lunch time sessions this month. Surviving Christmas Stress Syndrome

will be held on December 11. Details on this and other offerings will be in a flyer to be released on December 8.

I would like to close by wishing everyone a safe and Merry Christmas. Please stop by and see us any time. We hope that Santa is good to everybody — you deserve it!

Submitted by Dale Gagne

Computer support at your fingertips

Computer Services' **Medi Ranjbary** has put together a technical support Web page which addresses some common computer questions and problems. It can be accessed at: www2.capcollege.bc.ca/~mranjbar/capilano.html

New books in the Library

Submitted by Maureen Witney

People, Performance, and Pay: Dynamic Compensation for Changing Organizations by Thomas Flannery, David Hofrichter and Paul Platten HF 5549.5 C67 F57 1996

This book identifies today's four most common organizational work cultures — functional, process, time-based, and network — and explains how to align innovative pay policies within each.

The Management of Ethnic Secessionist Conflict: The Big Neighbour Syndrome by Abeyasinghe Navaratna-Bandara JF 1061 N39 1995

This book explores how ethnic

secessionist conflicts in a modern state, which is subject to the influence of a larger neighboring, can be settled by the devolution of government rather than by repression, secession, or annexation. Situations analyzed include India/East Pakistan, Turkey/Cyprus, Australia/Papua New Guinea, India/Sri Lanka, and Syria/Lebanon.

Prehistoric Exchange Systems in North America E 98 C7 P73 1994

This volume presents the current state of knowledge about regional exchange systems in North America, analyzing the dynamic processes of change, stability, rate of growth, and collapse of

regional exchange systems relative to sociopolitical complexity.

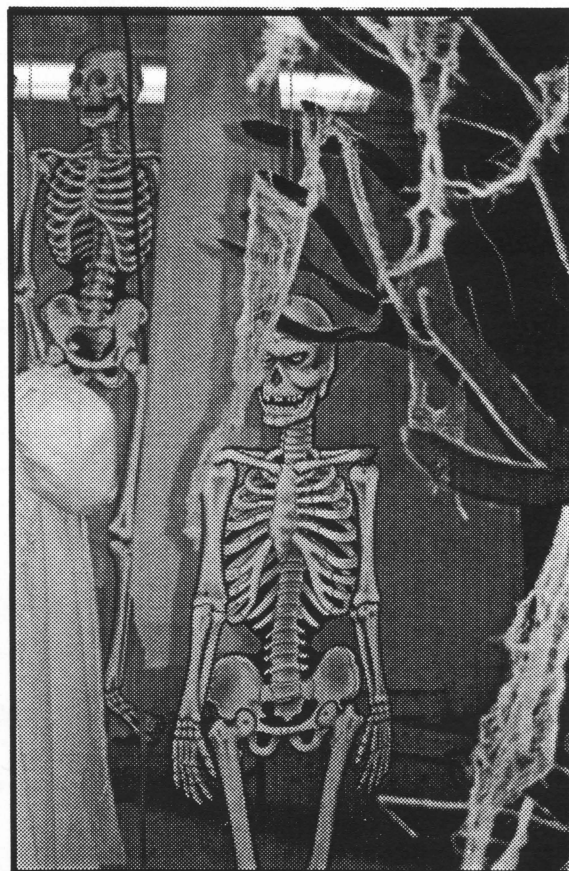
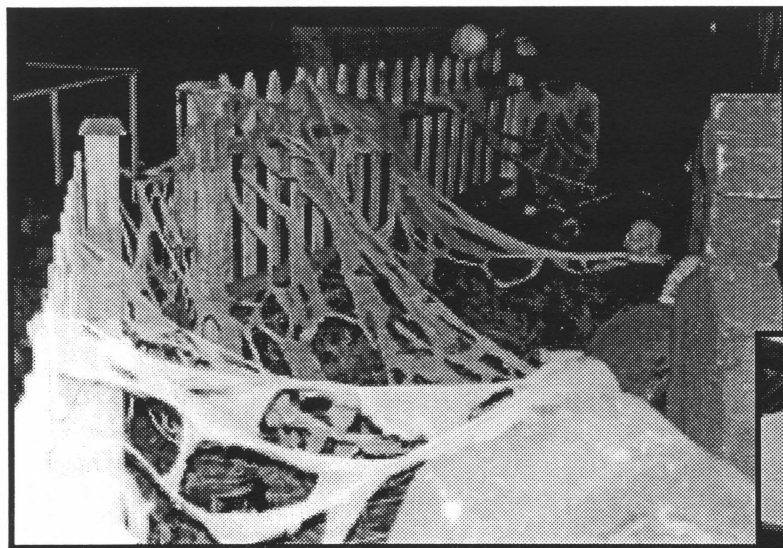
You Have Heard This Before: Street Involved Youth and the Service Gaps by Manjit Chand and Lisa Thompson HV 4510 B7 C453 1997

This newly released 44-page report identifies service-related issues in Vancouver's urban core for street-involved youth, i.e., youth who have grown up in urban Vancouver and become involved in street life or teenagers who have lost their family ties and social support systems, lack dependable sources of food and shelter, and have gravitated to downtown Vancouver.

Designs with their future in mind

It was a dark and stormy night . . .

Students from the Retail Marketing Co-op program have been participating in a number of events this fall under the guidance of instructors **Heddy Bing** and **Charlene Hill**. Photos at right and below show Halloween at the Squamish Nation Recreation Centre. It was a family affair, complete with a haunted house. The students assisted with planning and installing the event.



Decking the halls (and the Library)



Retail Marketing student **Lauren DeJong** (left) hangs a decorative garland in the Business Administration hallway. Seasonal decor can also be found in the cafeteria, and a magnificent tree (right) makes the Library a festive place to spend some quality browsing time.



STAFF CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Capilano College

WELLNESS WINS !

On November 4, 1997, the Staff Career Development Committee hosted the final Staff offering of 1997. *Heather McCullough, of High Performance Lifestyles*, presented another uplifting and worthwhile workshop - "Live Well, Work Well: New Wellness Wisdom for People Under Pressure" to a "sell out" crowd !

Just a few of the many wonderful comments from Staff members.....

"this has been a tremendous workshop"

"very relevant to my personal and work life"

"enjoyed speaking with and meeting different people within the College"

"this is one of those enriching and learning opportunities which make the College a great and ever-changing environment in which to work"

"learned how to feel 'well' about my co-workers"

"information for everyday living that can also be useful at work"

"gave me the determination to travel healthier and happier"

As a direct result of Heather's Workshops for the Staff of Capilano College, Dr. Bill Mackie (our College doc') has offered Heather an Associate position with his office on campus, beginning January 1998.

The Staff Career Development Committee wishes to express a heartfelt **Thank You** to all Staff, for your amazing support and willingness to contribute to making our workplace a wee bit more enjoyable.

INDIVIDUAL STAFF CAREER DEVELOPMENT FUND

A Great Success !! This Fund was initiated to assist Staff members with additional training and knowledge that directly relates to their work at the College. During the past year, **ten departments and fourteen Staff members** benefited from the use of these special funds. The SCDC is hopeful that this source of additional funding for Staff will be available, once again, in the 97/98 term.

NEW MEMBERS

The Staff Career Development Committee is pleased to announce two new committee members: **Lee Ederer, from Registration and, John Boylan from Library Technical Services.** Both, John and Lee, bring lots of enthusiasm, great ideas and a strong desire to contribute to the Career Development and overall well-being of Staff at Capilano College. **Welcome Lee and John!!**

PLEASE ENJOY THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND WE WILL SEE YOU NEXT YEAR.....

Committee	
John Boylan.....	2125
Wendy Dansie.....	2039
Lee Ederer.....	2020
Terry Kennedy.....	4938
Susan Rodgers.....	1707
Lynne Somerville, Chair.....	2392

